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SUBJECT: GFXA-75-8007 (GERMANY) - BERLIN

1. ON 9/21/77, WEST GERMAN MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MRS. ANTJE HUBER, PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED THAT WEST BERLIN IS THE CENTER OF GERMANY'S DRUG PROBLEM, WITH TURKISH WORKERS SUPPLYING THE ADDICTS. MRS. HUBER, CITING BKA STATISTICS, ADVISED THAT 338 YOUNG PEOPLE DIED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OF DRUG ABUSE IN WEST GERMANY, A MAJORITY OF THEM IN WEST BERLIN, DURING 1976. MRS. HUBER ADVISED THAT THE NUMBER OF DRUG USERS IN WEST GERMANY HAS REMAINED CONSTANT FOR THE LAST FOUR (4) YEARS AT ABOUT 40,000 PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 - 25.

2. THIS PUBLIC PROANOUNCEMENT IS PART OF A CONTINUING TREND OBSERVED THROUGH POLITICAL SPOKESMEN AND PRESS ACCOUNTS. THE HIGHLY RESPECTED DAILY PAPER "DIE ZEIT", IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1977, IDENTIFIES BERLIN AS THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE ADDICT. DOCUMENT
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TED RESEARCH WAS SET FORTH ADVISING THAT THE 5,000 HEROIN ADDICTS IN BERLIN SPEND 350 MILLION DEUTSCH MARKS (\$ 150 MILLION) PER YEAR FOR PURCHASES OF HEROIN.

3. THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION:
ONE ADDICT NEEDS AN AVERAGE OF ONE-HALF GRAM OF HEROIN

PER DAY AND MORE, COSTING HIM AN AVERAGE OF DM 200 PER DAY (\$ 86). OVER A YEAR, THAT COMPUTES TO 70,000 DM TIMES 5,000 ADDICTS.

4. THE STREET DEALERS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER RESEARCH, OPERATE AS FOLLOWS: THE DEALERS PURCHASE IN ONE DAY THREE (3) GRAMS OF HEROIN FOR DM 600 (\$ 258). ONE HALF OF THE HEROIN THEY KEEP FOR THEMSELVES AND THE OTHER HALF IS CUT WITH DEXTROSE, CREATING 20 STREET DECKS CONSISTING OF ONE TWELFTH OF A GRAM. THESE PACKAGES ARE THEN SOLD FOR DM 40 (\$ 17). THE DEALER THEREBY EARNS DM 800 (\$ 344) FROM HIS BUSINESS. 200 DM (\$ 86) ARE BELIEVED SPENT FOR FOOD, LODGING, AND TRANSPORTATION AND WITH THE DM 600 (\$ 258) REMAINING, THEY PURCHASE THREE (3) MORE GRAMS FOR THE NEXT DAY'S BUSINESS. THIS IS THE STREET LEVEL SITUATION IN BERLIN AND FROM INFORMATION HELD BY THE BONN/HAMBURG D.O., AS WELL AS WEST BERLIN POLICE AUTHORITIES, THE ABOVE COMPUTATIONS APPEAR ACCURATE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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